



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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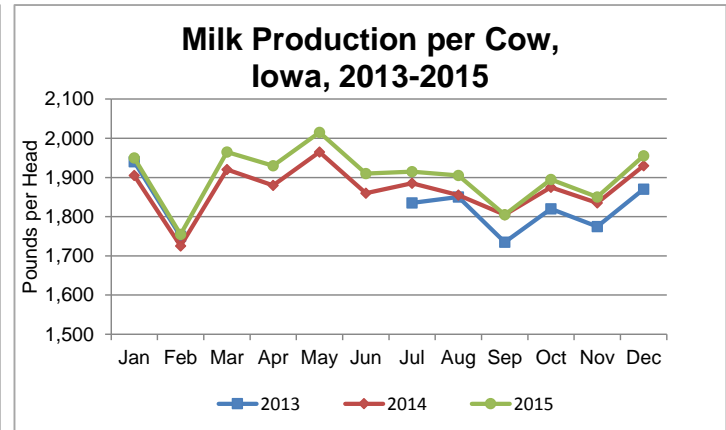
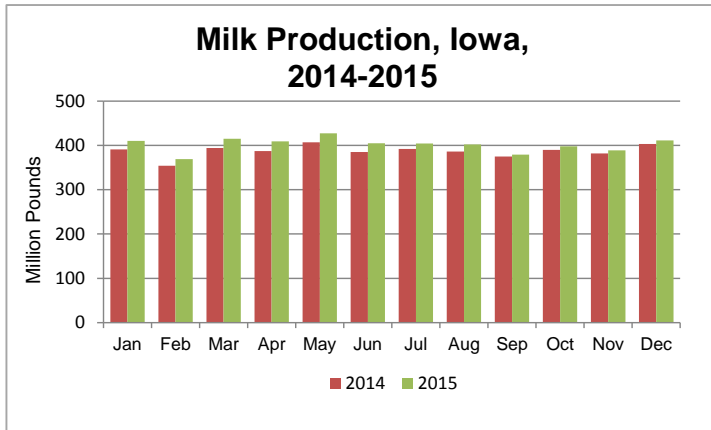
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**Milk production** in Iowa during December 2015 totaled 411 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous December according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 210,000 head, was the same as last month but 1,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,955 pounds, up 25 pounds from last December.



## Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: December 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change from 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	194	195	2,055	2,000	399	390	-2.3
California .....	1,780	1,776	1,950	1,895	3,471	3,366	-3.0
Colorado .....	145	148	2,115	2,130	307	315	2.6
Florida .....	124	125	1,675	1,690	208	211	1.4
Idaho .....	579	587	1,995	1,990	1,155	1,168	1.1
Illinois .....	94	94	1,680	1,720	158	162	2.5
Indiana .....	180	184	1,865	1,890	336	348	3.6
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Kansas .....	143	142	1,870	1,855	267	263	-1.5
Michigan .....	402	412	2,080	2,125	836	876	4.8
Minnesota .....	460	460	1,705	1,755	784	807	2.9
New Mexico .....	323	319	2,060	1,955	665	624	-6.2
New York .....	615	620	1,890	1,940	1,162	1,203	3.5
Ohio .....	268	266	1,710	1,720	458	458	-
Oregon .....	125	126	1,655	1,690	207	213	2.9
Pennsylvania .....	530	530	1,705	1,705	904	904	-
South Dakota .....	98	110	1,890	1,900	185	209	13.0
Texas .....	470	461	1,870	1,850	879	853	-3.0
Utah .....	96	96	1,940	1,910	186	183	-1.6
Vermont .....	132	131	1,705	1,725	225	226	0.4
Virginia .....	93	91	1,630	1,620	152	147	-3.3
Washington .....	277	277	1,970	1,980	546	548	0.4
Wisconsin .....	1,274	1,280	1,855	1,935	2,363	2,477	4.8
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,611</b>	<b>8,640</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>16,256</b>	<b>16,362</b>	<b>0.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves

# United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 16.4 billion pounds, up 0.7 percent from December 2014. November revised production at 15.6 billion pounds, was up 0.7 percent from November 2014. The November revision represented an increase of 26 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,894 pounds for December, 6 pounds above December 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of December since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.64 million head, 29,000 head more than December 2014, and 1,000 head more than November 2015.

Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 51.2 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.32 million head, 6,000 head more than the July - September quarter, and 33,000 head more than the same period last year.

